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In re Application of  
Robert F. WILSON, et al  
Application No. 10/613,121  
Filed: July 3, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. 21013-301

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 28, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of December 21, 2009. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). A three(3) month extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is June 22, 2010.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$810, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$1620; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney document must be submitted.

The Associate Power of Attorney filed with the declaration on December 18, 2006, was filed after June 25, 2004, the effective date of a rule change eliminating the Associate Power of Attorney practice (37 CFR 1.34(b) was eliminated). See MPEP § 402.02 and Revision of Power of Attorney and Assignment Practice, 69 Fed. Reg. 29865 (May 26, 2004); 1283 Off. Gaz. 148 (June 22, 2004). Although the paper has been placed in the file, the names of the patent practitioners listed on the Associate Power of Attorney have not been made of record.

The request to refund the petition fee is dismissed. In this regard, the petition fee is a requirement by statute for consideration of revival of an abandoned application, and cannot be waived. Further, the action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt. See 37 CFR 1.2.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6735.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3734 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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